

A Special Gift List for Today's Newsmakers

By JAMES K. WOODWORTH
SACRAMENTO — (CNS) — Christmas is a time for giving and receiving. It might be well to note some of the "special gifts" which some members of our society are hoping they will get this year.

Some of those who participated in the Chicago and San Francisco riots may be singing that old refrain, "All I want for Christmas is my two front teeth."

Top sales might have been realized had someone thought of a

boomerang type of rock, which, when thrown at a college window, would return to the tosser, thus saving him the trouble of having to look for another.

Militants, and possibly the police, might find some use for a handy-dandy soft rubber billy club, completely equipped with self-breaking blood capsules. This when the police whacked a rioter over the noggin with the club, the capsules would break and a blood-colored, washable, substance would trickle down the face of the "injured" party

and the TV cameramen would have a field day.

Suggested gifts for TV cameramen include such items as hard hats, with identifying station call letters, complete with mobile first aid kit and camera repair kit. Also enclosed should be simple instructions for temporary repair of cracked skulls and smashed noses, as well as a small mirror so the injured party can practice facial expressions including terror, the hurt look, and deadly determination, before the camera is swung

around to him.

College professors and university officials could find use for a pocket-sized four-letter word dictionary so they will know what the militants are calling them. Also suggested would be a quickly attached jet-rocket jacket, capable of propelling the pilot out of mob scenes at the touch of a trigger. LANDING MIGHT CREATE A PROBLEM.

For legislators who find it advantageous to mix with the demonstrators, we suggest a "duck-call" contraption, which, if

blown loud enough will bring all TV cameramen running on the double. Each of these packages should contain real-life-like photos of "injured" participants (shot previously in a studio for the best lighting) and torn shirts, trampled hats, and other necessary items to "show" what has occurred on campus.

Gifts especially for the riot policeman create a little more of a problem since, according to the militants, they have "everything." Perhaps individual "squirt gun" weapons, which

they can take home to their youngsters, with diluted mace, or perhaps special leather jackets, much like the Hell's Angels wear, with a large target painted on the back and the words "I am a COP" painted in the center target area.

Of special interest might be the Hayakawa dolls, which, when stuck with pins, screech out a screaming "Banzai." Thus the militants can play with something equal to their intelligence and still make their "point."

Special American flags, made of gasoline saturated paper ready to burn, will find acceptance, and could be offered at a cut rate price to those who cannot afford the real thing.

Finally, a special candle, well filled with a strong liquid, might be offered to all the militants on campus. Each would be required to take his nourishment before the battle. It is felt that all would be too busy elsewhere to really get into the swing of things on campus.

Comment and Opinion

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'See the World'

The City of Los Angeles, which is sometimes noted for its "traveling mayor," apparently has an unsung counterpart—the County of Los Angeles.

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, who apparently favors staying at his desk and dealing with his second district problems has suggested the board of supervisors place stronger controls on travel by county department heads.

Acting on a report from the county auditor, Hahn pointed out that at least nine department heads were away from their desks between 10 and 20 per cent of the total working days in the past two fiscal years.

Salary costs alone for the 10 most heavily traveled department heads in the past two years totaled from \$4,600 to \$10,118.

Supervisor Hahn suggested that limits be placed on the travel to one out-of-state and one in-state trip a year by department heads. Lesser paid, but knowledgeable, employees could be designated to make other trips, he suggested.

The board of supervisors should take little time in acting on Hahn's suggestion. There should be some type of controls set to eliminate costly and "travel-for-the-sake-of-travel" trips.

"Join the County and See the World."

It's time to drop the borrowed Navy slogan—

Other Opinions

Wellington (Ohio) Enterprise: "The other day we received a release from a Washington agency that really shook us. It related the circumstances of a 24-year-old unwed woman from Delaware with five children who moved to Pennsylvania. She applied for relief and was told by the Pennsylvania Welfare Department that she must be a resident of that state for a full year before she qualified for relief. This displeased her and she took the matter to court. A three judge court ordered the state to immediately put her on the relief rolls. When the state sought to appeal the decision, the Supreme Court denied the appeal."

Altoona (Pa.) Mirror: "We are moving toward a transportation crisis in this country. It is seen by many experts, but gets little attention from the public — except when it is inconvenienced. Since the public is being inconvenienced increasingly, it is likely this problem will become one of national importance soon."

Boston (Mass.) News-Tribune: "What America needs are loud and clear voices to be heard crying out against those who ought to be told off. Individual freedom has produced a permissiveness in which too few are willing to speak out against the unclean in mind and body, the disrupters, the law flouters, the rebels bent not on constructive reform but on destruction... What they're really out to destroy is a pretty good way of life, the best ever produced by any nation."



"CHAPTER THREE - OVERLOADING CIRCUITS..."

We Astronauts Feel Safer in Space



AFFAIRS OF STATE

Rioters Disrupt Planned Conference on Urban Ills

By HENRY G. MACARRUHT

SACRAMENTO — (CNS) — Any sympathy that might have been extended to the faculty and student group responsible for the disruptions on the San Francisco state college campus on the grounds that the movement was designed to assist the minority races, was completely dissolved over the weekend when it was shown that the disturbances resulted in a severe set-back in the furtherance of higher education for these groups.

Quote

Our on-the-ball readers: Barbara Musser suggests that Julie Nixon looks like a young Jennifer Jones, whereas Grover Sales Jr. thinks that Julie Andrews looks like a young Mamie Eisenhower.

Assemblyman Leo J. Ryan: "Ironically, inadequate hospital and nursing care is available at the (California Veterans) home despite the fact there has been a steady decline in the number of members admitted to the home."

Assemblyman William M. Ketchum: "I am hopeful that the silent majority of responsible students will indicate their refusal to put up with disruptive activity any longer."

Assemblyman John Francis Foran: "It is imperative that we establish a planning and financing framework which will enable urban areas to achieve a balanced transportation system they so desperately need."

Senator John G. Schmitz: "The will of the people and their representatives has obviously been flouted by bureaucrats who are supposed only to execute the laws, but in this, as in so many other cases, they are clearly making law on their own."

For nearly a year, the University of California has been working on a major commitment involving the nation's urban crisis, and one of the goals defined by Charles J. Hitch, university president, was "improved access to higher education for minority students."

Hitch had scheduled a conference over the weekend involving all institutions of higher learning in California. The meeting was scheduled for the University of San Francisco. But Hitch called it off because of the disturbances in that city.

Thus, the Black Student's Union, as well as the other organizations involved, have performed a disservice to the very people they assumedly are trying to help.

"Unforeseen," said Hitch, "in setting the date and place of the conference was the volatile climate that now exists surrounding some of the very issues to have been considered by the conference."

"I believe it had a great potential in mobilization of all higher education in the state, public and private, to a commitment to action in improving access to minority groups. But it must be conducted in an atmosphere in which reasoned discussion can prevail."

"It would be tragic for a conference with such goals to contribute to a heightening of tensions, which at the same time might well render its results fruitless."

Hitch postponed the meeting until such time as other arrangements can be worked out, but said the postponement only intensifies the university's determination to provide whatever it can in the way of leadership in the field.

The university, he said, was going to propose a careful study of a program of grants to high school students who have academic potentials for college work, but who might dis-

continue education because of financial pressure.

He also said the university hopes to initiate a series of co-operative programs to facilitate transfers from junior colleges to state colleges, and increase substantially a program of recruitment and financial assistance for disadvantaged students at the graduate level.

Since 1964, the university has enrolled some 2,000 students under a four per cent "special admissions allowance," which means that these students do not meet the normal entrance requirements, but have been singled out as students who have the "potential" to obtain college degrees.

Whether this program deprives students who do have the necessary qualifications for college entry the privilege of attending the university has never been defined as yet, but it is a certainty more funds are sought from California's taxpayers to education these unqualified candidates for higher education.

Morning Report

New Administrations in Washington, like other national products, seek to identify themselves with a slogan. Which is fair enough and not unconstitutional either.

Thus we had Roosevelt's "New Deal," Truman's "Fair Deal," Kennedy's "New Frontier" and LBJ's "Great Society." In keeping with this established trend of two-word labels for salvation, Mr. Nixon has come up with one of his own: "Forward Together."

As a trademark, I don't think it's bad at all. Like its predecessors, it's vague enough to satisfy everybody. And so lacking in specifics as to cover anything that might be proposed. In politics, as opposed to the plan common in industry, the slogan is prepared before the product has been discovered.

Abe Mellinkoff

HERB CAEN SAYS:

Restaurant Workers Lift Enough to Buy the Place

Frank Sinatra, who still hasn't seen his new apt. here (a penthouse on Nob Hill), sent his secty, Dolores Rubin, to S.F. with instructions to "look it over and see if it's okay — I don't know the address but you won't have any trouble finding it." Well, as of last night she still hadn't found it and I'm not going to tell her... Over at Oakland Airport, an airline passenger agent announced to the throng, "Folks, I have something funny to tell you — we've sold the seats on this plane twice!" But nobody thought it was funny except those who got aboard. The other 50 coulda kill him... A new dimension in chutzpah: the employees of a certain restaurant here have now stolen enough money from the boss to make a bid to buy the place!

"We Only Kill Each Other," the razzle-dazzle yarn about Bugsy Siegel by Dean Jennings of Belvedere, goes into movie production at Paramount in February — amid some confusion. The co-producer is Bernie Schwartz — and another Bernie Schwartz, perhaps better known as Tony Curtis, will star... Asidem: Jennings has had his life threatened twice — presumably by Bugsy's killer, who, says Jennings, lives in Arizona. Nice climate... Sam Darcy, owner of Landmark Souvenirs at the Wharf, is wearing a mildly dazed look. He bought a lot of surplus odds and ends off the ocean liner, Queen Mary, including 5,600

cases of English beer and ale that he discovers he can't sell here. It's all 7 per cent alcohol, and Calif. law says anything above 4 per cent is a no-no... Boggler on Jack's Auto Center in Sunnyvale, noted by Don

Report From Our Man In San Francisco

Smith: "No Car Over \$150 And Up."

Gene Anderson of S'Carlos was tooling Bayshore behind a limousine whose trunk suddenly disgorged two suitcases. Gene picked them up, flagged down the limo and returned the bags to the lady who didn't know she's lost them: Phyllis Diller. She rewarded him with a \$100 check that seems to be clearing nicely... Mr. Nizeguy No. 2: For the 40th anniv. of Bank of America's famed branch at No. 1 Powell, a policeman was assigned to keep curb space clear for the arrival of biggies. Parked there he found one car — a VW with an out-of-state license — which he resolutely pushed up the street to a parking space. After which he fished in his pocket and put a dime in the meter, as thousands cheered. It would have been even nicer if one of those thousands had helped him push the car. Support Your Local Strong Back.

Birthday greetings to Carmel's dandy Perry McDonald who just hit the 100 mark. And no wheelchair centurion he:

when he isn't playing "Hollywood Go" with Cartoonist Feg Murray, he's out there on his tractor, cultivating his corn-crop. Carmel is noted for cultivated corn... Hey there, late-late movie fans: don't miss "Law and Order" (1953), starring our Governor as a Marshal who bans all guns from his town, protects the rights of baddies to a trial and who says, when the last villain is driven off, "I can't stay around here any longer, I'm going to California." And that's how it all began.

Onward: As for Little Old Ladies, they're still around too. This one boarded a Sutter St. bus, dredged a \$5 bill, two dimes and a penny out of her handbag and looked helplessly at the driver. "Sorry," he said, "you have to have the exact change" — at which point a magnificent East Indian, complete with turbaned head, said: "Madame, if you drop a dime in the box, I will be happy to contribute a nickel..." "Thank you. THANK you," gushed the LOL. "Oh — and I do hope your head gets better!"

A note from Norman Hansen: "When it's desperation time for column fillers, you might consider the well-digging outfit a Half Moon Bay named Diggs & Son, the Milbrae plumber named Earl, Head, and the President of the Peninsula French Laundry, Mr. Mangle"... It's desperation time.

WILLIAM HOGAN

An Interim Report About Currently Offered Books

Interim Report: At last count I had some 4,000 printed pages stacked around me, and this was only a few books, important or at least newsworthy ones. The following brief mention at this point of the season does not preclude subsequent longer notices.

"The Shadow of Blooming Grove: Warren G. Harding in His Time" is a major, extraordinarily detailed study of the heavy-drinking, sexually ambitious Ohio legislator who no doubt was the least qualified to assume the American Presidency of any who have made

it, but did (in 1920) after public dissatisfaction with the Wilson Administration became acute. Francis Russell, has made much of Harding's recently opened correspondence. "Blooming Grove" refers to Harding's birthplace, where

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rumor had it that he was part Negro, the "shadow" that haunted him throughout a flamboyant and ultimately tragic career (McGraw-Hill; \$10 until Jan. 1, then \$12.50).

"The Arms of Krupp, 1587-1968," by William Manchester, is the grim and fascinating history of the German industrial and arms dynasty which had such vast influence on successive German governments and on European history. This is the book the author put aside in order to write his controversial "The Death of a President."

It is an enormous, 400-year pageant up to and beyond the death last year of Alfred, last of the Krupps, whose house operated 138 privately owned concentration camps, of which 55 lay within five miles of the company headquarters at Essen, during the Hitler period. Perhaps understandably, Manchester does not much like these "cannon kings," but he has spared no energy in researching and narrating their saga and Gotterdammerung (Little, Brown; \$12.50).

"The Day Kennedy Was Shot" is Jim Bishop's version of the 1963 assassination, another go-round on the tragedy by the author of "The Day Christ Died" and other recapitulations of historical events. The publisher makes much of the fact this is an "uncensored version" which the Kennedys asked Bishop not to write. It is a minute by minute recreation of that day in Dallas, more excitable, more gossipy than the Manchester account.

For instance, "The men around Kennedy had kept the secret of power from Lyndon Johnson." Bishop writes of the period immediately after Mr. Kennedy's death: two grieving women, Mrs. Kennedy and Mrs. Connolly, within four feet of each other for a half hour, did not speak except for one to snap, "He'll be all right;" and who was not speaking to whom on the trip back to Washington. For what seems to me rather morbid marketing purposes, the book will be published officially on the fifth anniversary of the assassination (Funk & Wagnalls; \$7.95).

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